

GOD'S PROMISE

Joel 2:23, 28

Zech. 10:1

Psa. 104:16a

John 14:16

John 15:26

John 16:13

John 7:38

Luke 24:49

Acts 1:8

Acts 2:4

Acts 8:17

Acts 10:44-46

Acts 19:6

James 5:7

Ezek. 47:1

Zech. 14:8

Rev. 22:1

*"... Upon this
rock I will build
my church; and
the gates of hell
shall not prevail
against it." Matt.
16:18*

GOD'S COMMAND

Luke 24:49

Eph. 5:18



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Notices

I thank each and every one who have sent Evangels, Lighted Pathways, tracts and books to be given out at the city jail. I have received about twenty-five rolls and I know God will bless every one who sent them. I will not be able to write each one personally, but I do thank you so very much, also thank you for your prayers. Last Thursday, July 19, six persons repented of their sins and accepted Christ. Praise the Lord. Keep praying.—Mrs. B. D. Puryear, Rt. 2, Chester, Va.

I would like to get in contact with someone who can play the guitar or accordion. I am a preacher and would consider going anywhere for a revival.—R. A. Gage, Floral, Ark.

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IF CONTEMPLATING ATTENDING, CONTACT EITHER YOUR STATE OVERSEER, J. D. BRIGHT, OR C. C. RAINS.—Sincerely, J. D. Bright, Su-

perintendent and Assistant General Overseer, Western District.

Doctors Astonished at My Healing

KEYSVILLE, Ga.—Dear Readers greetings in Jesus' name. I am writing my testimony of how God spared my life when all hope was gone. My life was mashed out.

On July 13, 1944, I was unloading a truck load of logs. When I undid the chains the top log, a very large pine, fell on me. It crushed me to the ground. When I knew anything I was trying to get under the truck. Realizing what had happened, the devil said to me, "Now you have been serving God for four years, look what God has done for you. There isn't any use for you to pray now; you are going to die; you can't live. Your life has been mashed out."

Realizing how badly I was hurt I began to pray as I had never prayed before, just thanking God because I didn't have to repent at a time like this. By this time the sawmill had shut down and the whole crew had come to my rescue. They picked me up and carried me to a near-by car and then to the doctor's office.

The doctor said he could do nothing for me so he carried me to the hospital. The doctors there examined me and told my wife I was in a serious condition. They told her my pelvis bone was broken in seven places and practically all my ribs were broken. My shoulder blade was crushed into very small bits and the shoulder was

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SUNDAY SCHOOL BANNERS

We can furnish Sunday School Class "Offering" and "Attendance" Banners in good grade of felt in sizes 14x20 and 17x27 inches. Poles are not furnished. Colors are green and blue of either banner. These banners are manufactured especially for us and feature the "cross and crown." Price, 14x20, \$1.50; 17x27, \$2.45.

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General Assembly Changed to Sevierville, Tennessee

Will Convene September 2-4

You will possibly be disappointed when you learn of the many difficulties we have had in arranging for our General Assembly. It was first arranged for and announced to convene in Nashville, Tennessee, but later we learned that the Government was sending many thousands of soldiers to camps near by and that it would be impossible for Nashville to entertain our delegation.

The second choice of the Executive Board was Columbus, Ohio. The authorities in Columbus were pleased to accept our Assembly and were also able to entertain it, but our application was disapproved by the Office of Defense Transportation.

After our application had been disapproved, we consulted our attorney, Colonel Charles S. Mayfield, and he advised us to have a General Assembly of bishops only, and that I go to Washington and ask the ODT for a permit. Mr. Mayfield, who is well informed in law and the government of the Church of God, is of the firm opinion that whatever business such limited Assembly may attend to would be legal and upheld by any court. We, therefore, consulted our Supreme Council of the Church and they advised that we have the General Assembly in Sevierville, Tennessee, and that bishops only be allowed to attend.

I have been to Washington and conferred with J. Monroe Johnson, Director of Office of Defense Transportation, and Frank Perrin, Secretary of War Committee on Conventions, and they have granted us a permit for an Assembly of 350 bishops. Evangelists, laymen, and friends will be prohibited by Government restrictions from attending this Assembly. It will also be impossible to get rooms for them.

This was my second trip to Washington to confer with the ODT, and I have made other study of the situation and am convinced that our nation's transportation system is strained to the very limit, that the ODT officials are doing their very best with the big job assigned to them

and that they are not discriminating against religion. Their records will show that they have been much more lenient with church groups than with any other, and it does seem that they have been fair with us in granting a permit for this limited Assembly. Some church groups have called their conventions off. Some applications have been turned down, and others granted a much smaller delegation than we have been allowed. I, therefore, hope that our people will understand and not take a critical attitude toward the Government and be content to stay at home this year with the hope that our next General Assembly may be a wide-open Assembly in one of our nation's largest auditoriums.

Our Government is undertaking the biggest job of transportation in the shortest time that any government has ever undertaken—transferring men and materials from East to the West, discharging thousands of Service men, and sending other thousands home, on furloughs before transferring them to the Pacific theatre of war. I believe our people should be willing to cooperate in this gigantic task for a speedy victory and return of our boys to all they love and for which they have fought. Unfortunately, our General Assembly comes at the peak of the big rush of transportation.

Since the evangelists will not be privileged to attend this General Assembly, in order to be fair with them in the appointments, we are asking the state overseers to appoint pastors as far as possible before leaving for the General Assembly. Those who desire to transfer to other states will find the Assistant General Overseers ready to cooperate as far as is possible in such transfers. Those who would like to transfer, please take the matter up first with your state overseer.

Bishops Attending the General Assembly

Those desiring rooms in the school dormitories will have to bring your

pillows, sheets, and covers. It will be necessary for delegates occupying rooms with double beds to share with someone else. There will be some rooms available in the hotel, tourist camps, and private homes. Due to the shortage of rooms in Sevierville, I would advise that bishops, as far as possible, group themselves in parties of two and write J. H. Walker, Sevierville, Tennessee, for reservation. It will be necessary to state that you are a bishop, since reservations will be made for bishops only.

Bible School Students

You might help us with this serious situation by advising students coming to the Bible School not to arrive in Sevierville earlier than September 6. They will be registering September 7 and 8. There will be no room for them during the General Assembly.

It is with much regret that we announce this limited General Assembly, but I feel that it is to our best interest to cooperate with the Office of Defense Transportation; and I am asking all who are not bishops to please not attend this Assembly.

Dates of Meetings

Meeting of the Executive Board

August 14-17, 1945.
Opening session 2:00 p.m.,
Cleveland, Tennessee.

Mission Board

August 14-17, 1945.
Opening session 2:00 p.m.,
Cleveland, Tennessee.

Supreme Council

August 18-27, 1945.
Opening session 9:00 a.m.,
Cleveland, Tennessee.

Bishops' Council

August 29-September 1, 1945.
Opening session 9:00 a.m.,
Sevierville, Tennessee.

General Assembly

September 2-4, 1945.
Opening session 9:00 a.m.,
Sevierville, Tennessee.

Your cooperation in arranging for the carrying out of this wartime General Assembly will be highly appreciated.—John C. Jernigan, General Overseer.

If we expect others to do what they are expecting us to do, and one waits on the other, it will never be done until we cease to wait, and go to work. The one who does the work will get the reward, and the one who does the waiting will get nothing.

RELIGION AND THE WORLD

BY THE EDITOR

German Atrocities

According to the *Evangelical Christian*, "Six truck-loads of children were burned alive by the Germans at the Oswiecim Concentration Camp and mothers who witnessed the spectacle went mad, according to the Yugoslav War Crimes Commission.

"The Commission's report, quoted yesterday by the Yugoslav Telegraph Agency, said that 2,500,000 people perished in the camp to October, 1943. It placed responsibility for the atrocities on Hitler, Himmler, the Nazi party, and the camp officers.

"The camp had installations for speedy mass annihilation of prisoners and the extermination of those for whom there was no room. The camp installations included seven crematoriums.

"The report said that truck-loads of children were burned during the German retreat from the Ukraine. Seven thousand Jews were sent to a neighboring wood, where the Germans poured inflammable liquid upon them. The next day prisoners were forced to scatter the victims' ashes on German farm fields. The sick and women over fifty were thrown into fires and burned alive and ninety-four truck-loads of men were burned on one night."—*Reuter*.

An Age of Madness

The American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society was notified June 2 of the fact that eleven of their missionaries and a nine-year-old boy were beheaded in the Philippines by the Japanese. The persecution of the church in the last two decades in Russia, Germany, and other countries where atheistic philosophy abounds, displays increasing madness. The die is cast, and as Christ defeated Satan at Calvary even so He will destroy every vestige of his power and openly triumph over him. Col. 2:15; 1 Cor. 51-58.

Spiritualists

There are reported to be 10,000,000 spiritualists in Brazil alone. The rise of anti-Christian teachings, plus an increase of gigantic proportion of

spiritualism throughout the world, brings the church face to face with its final role and climax of its testimony of the grace of God to the extent that men may have to die for their faith and God-given convictions.

"Good News"

That is what the *Converted Catholic Magazine* called the following:

"Led by Bishop Don Carlos Duarte, prominent Roman Catholic prelate in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, a group of Roman Catholic priests and a Protestant pastor are organizing a break from Rome, according to a *United Press* dispatch of last April 12 from Rio in the Washington, D. C., *Times-Herald*. The aims of the group are: 'total freedom from subordination to the Vatican; modification of the liturgy and ritual, and abolition of celibacy of the clergy.'"

Urge Myron C. Taylor's Recall

The General Synod of the Reformed Church and the Adventists, along with others, have asked for the recall of Myron C. Taylor as the personal representative of the President, appointed by the late President Roosevelt.

Quisling

The man who despised the church and his country, the name of whom stands for all that is low and mean in the category of base crime, asks daily, according to RNS, to see the chaplain. I presume that heaven will still be heaven if such men go there; however, it remains that the God with whom he will have to settle will properly represent both His righteousness and our interests when and if He pardons Quisling. But since God is love, let us hope that he lands within the ranks of the bloodwashed. He needs it.

Mourning for Hitler

The editors of *Evangelical Christian* state that, "Only three of the neutral countries of the world so far as we know, have expressed regret at the death of that monster of iniquity Hitler. They are Falangist Spain, Portugal, and Roman Catholic Eire. On May 2

despatches from Madrid and Dublin stated that this had been done. De Valera in person went to the German embassy in Dublin to express his condolences over the death of Hitler. Surely the world must have stood in shocked amazement at the announcement. Since time began we can think of no other human being whose iniquities have so shocked the moral conscience of the world. The only parallels that history has to show are those of the Borgias and the popes of the Dark Ages, also, no doubt, historical friends of the Prime Minister of Eire. But whereas the Popes slew their tens of thousands of the best Christians, Hitler has been responsible for the slaying of millions and improving upon the ghastliness of the tortures practised by his co-religionists of another day. It is not without significance that it took a Romanist prime minister, himself half Spanish, to express his sympathy with this spawn of the evil one who has now gone to his own place."

The American Soldier

has demonstrated his religious convictions in various theaters of war by helping the natives of their countries in offerings for their mission work. One chaplain reported a single offering of \$475 to Chinese missions.

Religion in Russia

More than 200 students are expected to be enrolled in the Russian Orthodox Theological Academy this fall when it opens.

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The Spirit of the Age

JAMES O. CAMPBELL

2 Tim. 3:1-5, *"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away."*

Paul had been giving some fatherly advice to Timothy, his son in the gospel, in the previous chapter. Now he turns his counsel into a fatherly warning. Here he sets forth some things that are happening in our day as never before in all history. There are other passages such as 2 Timothy 4 and Matthew 24 that parallel with the thought very forcibly and beautifully. We shall see a few things that are connected with our thought as we proceed. The first one is "perilous times." "Perilous" means dangerous or troublesome. All men of authority will admit that our nation, as a whole, is in a more dangerous position than it ever was before. Not only is it so in America but in the world at large. The hearts of millions of loved ones are troubled for those who are now facing great danger. We think of this present world conflict as the greatest in all history. There is a dangerous or troublesome time in this old sin-cursed world as never before. Jesus said one of the signs of the end of time would be "men's hearts failing them for fear of the things which shall come upon the world." We have heard of more of those at the head of our world powers falling dead in the harness than in any age of the past. Surely we are living in the time when our "redemption draweth nigh."

The second one is "men shall be lovers of their own selves." We as a whole are not "given to hospitality" as we should be. Some of us are so selfish that we are all big I's and little you's. You, no doubt, have heard of the man who prayed, "Lord, bless me and my wife, my son and his wife, us four and no more. Amen." Most of us live like that prayer today, don't we? How

can we, as a church, expect the power of Pentecost to fall upon us unless we "have all things common." After Israel had eaten the fat and drunk the sweet they were exhorted to send portions to them for whom nothing was prepared. I wonder if we don't forget the deeds of mercy, such as caring for our needy members, whose lot is not as good as our own. Sometimes, we think about the millions in the foreign fields who have never heard of Jesus and His love and forget that Jesus said, "Go preach to all the world, but begin at Jerusalem" (home). We should never be so wrapped up in ourselves that we pass the man by who has fallen among thieves. Let us be a good Samaritan to him.

The third one is "covetous, boasters, proud." Some men are as covetous as King Ahab, who took a life to get his neighbor's vineyard. Some are as boastful as the Pharisee who prayed, "Lord, I thank thee that I am not as other men. I do this and that." When you hear a fellow always bragging on his work, you can mark it down that he isn't on the "all of grace" plan. In other words, he is trying to be saved by works and not by grace. "Proud." Solomon said, "Pride goeth before destruction and an haughty spirit before a fall." He says there are six things that God hates and a proud look is one of them. King Saul, the first king of Israel, became so proud that he seemingly thought everything he said had to be rule and order, regardless of what God or man thought about it. The story of his life proves that Solomon was right when he said, "Pride goeth before destruction." There are so-called leaders in the church today who possess such a spirit as Saul did. Neither are the laity immune to this sin that will cause their fall eventually.

The next is "unthankful and unholy." So many people are like the nine lepers who were healed by Christ and forgot to say, Thank you. I wonder if we are as thankful as we should be. The psalmist said, "Oh, that men would praise the Lord for his benefits to the children of men." Some of us Pentecostal people have

just about quit praising the Lord. Some religious folks do not say grace at the table. "Unholy." The old hymn says take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord. But since we are all out for freedom in the war effort we forget to take time to be holy as we should. Brethren, the best way we can "back the attack is by taking time to be holy."

Right here your writer is going to say something that may sting pretty hard, but it will do us all good if we take heed to it. I have been in Christian homes for as long as twenty-four hours and not one word was said about God or the Bible. The head of the house was sometimes a preacher but he never called his family to prayer one time. One place I went, the parents rushed the children off to bed, and said, "Now we will have prayer." The impression was that the children were not a part of the family. One good old brother, who is still on the firing line as far as I know, and is yet a member of a number one church somewhere in South Carolina, called for prayer three times a day just before the meals. That is a sample of being holy in all manner of conversation, as Peter puts it.

The next one is "without natural affection." The world at large is going in for a substitute instead of the real thing for which it was created. Mankind, which is the crown of all creation, is crying, "Give us something different." God ordained from the beginning that man should leave father and mother and be joined to his wife, but people want divorces instead. The original plan was also "be fruitful and multiply." Some folks are given over to birth control instead, while the measure that is generally taken is condemned. Love never becomes lust and lust is the unnatural.

The sixth one is "having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof." The power of Pentecost is the attraction of the church of the living God. When she loses that power she loses her attraction. As in the foregoing paragraph, many things are substituted for the real power. But there is no substitute that would ever keep us away from the upper-room experience and its keeping power. One clergyman remarked to the other, "The church can no longer say, Silver and gold have I none." "Nay," said the other, "neither can she say, In the name of Jesus Christ rise up and

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Marking Time

JONATHAN D. BRIGHT, Assistant General Overseer

THE MAYAN CALENDAR

One of the most intricate tables of time was perfected twenty-five centuries ago. This was the calendar of the Mayans, which was 2,000 years ahead of European scientists in accuracy. It was based on observations of the sun, moon, and planets, providing for a 365-day year, with eighteen months, having 20 days each. A four five-day week constituted a month, and each year closed with an extra period of five unnamed days for completeness. The day provided for in our leap year was taken care of so accurately that this calendar of twenty-five centuries ago varied but one day in three hundred years—and even this day was allowed for so well that after more than twenty-one hundred years the Mayan calendar was still accurate.

One of the most important things to know about time is its numerous divisions. It is as we know how to properly classify time that we are able to slate the activities of our lives, so as to accomplish the most good on time, in time to conserve time. 1 Chron. 12:32, "And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do."

CHEAP BUT VALUABLE

A \$1.50 tin clock was used as a ship's chronometer by Captain Joshua Slocum, from 1895 to 1898. He was the first man to sail around the world alone. Although the value of this clock was very negligible when it came to money, its value from the standpoint of service was inestimable. Just think, in a split second you may reach the decision that will seal your destiny. 2 Cor. 6:2, "(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured you: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)"

SABBATH?

The seventh day is set apart under the Law as Sabbath, but, perhaps, after all, it is not the seventh day of the week, for no one knows just when time began. Different days of the

week, therefore, are observed by different people. The Greeks observe Monday; the Persians, Tuesday; the Assyrians, Wednesday; the Egyptians, Thursday; the Turks, Friday; the Jews, Saturday, and the Christians, Sunday.

How true and indisputable are these words: "I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all," Eccl. 9:11. Therefore, Paul places us on our honor in the following decision, "Let no man therefore judge you ... in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ," Col. 2:16, 17.

THE AVIATOR'S CLOCK

"Who shall set me a time," Job 9:19.

A huge clock has been set in the concrete pavement at the Rand Airport, so that aviators can tell time easily from 3,000 feet overhead. The clock is operated electrically, is thirty feet in diameter, and has a minute hand seventeen feet long and an hour hand twelve feet long.

If when we "sky pilots" are sailing so high and fast we had a clock as large as this to move its giant hands before our eyes, perhaps we would spend more time praying and studying in offices and thereby abbreviate the time we spend in the pulpit, especially the time spent in reflection, lost motion, coasting, searching, wandering, etc., at the utter discomfiture of the congregation.

A short time well spent in the pulpit is of more value than a long time poorly used.

Generally a wide-eyed, observing minister can tell by three movements when to stop or keep preaching.

1. The movement of his brain with his subject.
2. The movement of the clock hands.
3. The movement of his congregation.

THE SECOND BEGINNING

Acts 17:26, "And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation."

Acts 1:7, "And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power."

October 23, 1942, was the birthday of the world! The earth was brought into its present state 5,942 years B. C. according to an act of British Parliament.

Of course, we do not know how many millions of years lie between the first verse of Genesis and the second verse. In the first beginning God created the heavens and the earth. In the second beginning He made things pertaining to earth and heaven. The first beginning was eternity, the second was time.

HOW DO YOU APPRAISE TIME?

John 9:4, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work."

A clock built by famous French clock-makers, the DuBuc brothers, to commemorate Napoleon's campaign in Egypt, ticks off the hours in the home of Jerome Wilson, a writer, who lives at Hollywood, Cal. It varies only five seconds in a year. It is now one hundred thirty-five years old, and stands nineteen and one-half inches. The Wilson family has possessed it for sixty-five years, having obtained it through a collector who purchased it at a government auction in New Jersey when goods which Josephine Bonaparte brought to this country illegally after the fall of Napoleon, were seized and disposed of at the request of French officials.

No doubt but what all of us are better able to estimate the importance of time as we look into the past and see unused opportunities that time took from us. The monetary value of this clock is less than the profit one hour's work has been to many men. What does an hour mean to you, pastor? Eccl. 3:17, "I said in mine heart, God shall judge the righteous and the wicked: for there is a time there for every purpose and for every work."

UNIVERSAL SUNDIAL

Peter Hamilton presented the sundial to the city of Baltimore, Md., in 1892. From the shadows which the

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• The Big Three

REV. BRADY DENNIS

The last few weeks, we have been hearing much about the "Big Three" meeting which was soon to take place after the United Nations' Conference in San Francisco. The official announcement has just been given (July 17th), that the Big Three are now in conference at Potsdam, Germany, just out of Berlin. (NOTE: As you read this, there is the spiritual phase we want you to grasp, as space will not permit our mentioning every point.)

May we say that not only lately but for years we have heard much of the "Big Three," the leaders of the three greatest and most powerful nations in the world. When we hear the name of Churchill we immediately think of Great Britain; Roosevelt or Truman, the United States; Stalin, Russia. Why were these men in the limelight? The world knew that much depended on these three great men and the great powers they governed, which would determine the end of the war and the peace thereafter.

We recall various meetings of the Big Three. When things really looked bad for us and the enemy seemed to have victory all set for themselves, these three great leaders realized and knew if they were to even have a chance at victory, something must be done and that soon. So a date was set and the Big Three met for the first conference. First, may I say that at this conference these great leaders became *acquainted*. It was necessary to meet, personally, for this great achievement. They could have talked by radio or phone or by personal ambassadors but this would not have proven satisfactory. They realized to become acquainted would give them a chance at least for the many problems confronting them. It wasn't a tea party they were attending but it was a conference, a very important one. The world was in the balance. They must be men. They had many problems to talk over, in planning the strategy of this great war. The unity of the great powers would mean much so that they could hit the enemy united. They were facing a big enemy and had no time to lose. They must

lay aside variances and be frank and aboveboard or they would be defeated and the world would be plunged into slavery.

Thus far they have been successful and you may ask, Why are they meeting now? Germany is conquered, but the war is not over in the Pacific and when the last shot is fired we must still win and try to retain the peace. Wars are too costly. Many problems will arise, boundary lines to be settled, occupational problems, etc., but this is the place for it and not on the battlefield. Why speak of this? Many thousands of years ago there was a "Big Three" meeting. The world was enslaved in sin and something had to be done. The Great Powers went into conference, and came out with an answer. Just as the historical meeting place of the Big Three today in Potsdam, Germany, this conference took place in Heaven. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, made a personal appearance on the face of the world. "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us," John 1:14. He lived among men, became acquainted with difficulties and faced the devil in person in the wilderness, for a showdown. The devil launched one attack after another, but Jesus came out the Victor. The first Adam he overcame, but now he was defeated.

Later, Jesus gave His life. John 10:18, "I lay it down of myself." He gave His very blood for the redemption of mankind. The Big Three had already agreed, "Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins." So He paid the price (as many of our boys today are paying for the price of freedom). Again, He came out the Victor. "O grave, where is thy victory?" 1 Cor. 15:55. "He became the first fruits of them that slept."

Although the way of redemption has been bought, there is still a victory to be won. As in this war, our boys could give their lives and yet the PEACE could be lost. Jesus has paid the price but we have it to accept and retain. When we accept the Lord, it does not stop at that. The heart plea of every child of God should be, "Lord, send us a world-wide revival." It is

very important. We are facing a big enemy. Time is short. There is no time to lose, for the longer we let it go, the harder the victory will be to win. "Men are waxing worse and worse." Let us be men and aboveboard with God, live so as to merit His attention and let Him know that we can do nothing without Him. Let us be ready to do our part, then, in prayer bombard Heaven until the Big Three will be moved into conference by our sincerity. Each problem will be considered—manpower shortage, disloyalty, absenteeism, inefficiency, the need of supplies, etc. If we really mean business and are ready to pay the price, the conference will come out with a favorable answer. First, they want to know what WE are going to do about it.

Everything is in our favor, if WE MEAN business. We have the greatest leaders of all ages. Let us note some of the characteristics of the BIG THREE, who are ready to serve us. They are real persons, Matt. 5:8, "They shall see GOD." JESUS lived among men, died, rose again, and is now on the RIGHT HAND OF GOD. 1 Peter 3:21, 22. THE HOLY GHOST is spoken of as masculine gender, HE. John 16:13. There are three distinct, personal beings which make up the Godhead. "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are ONE," 1 John 5:7. Talk about cooperation, this is it. They all work in harmony. When they decide on something, there won't be any backing out, letting down, or betrayals. So why shouldn't we have a revival or anything we need, IF we do our part? (The Big Three can't win this war alone, it takes workers.)

Their names are DIVINE TITLES. A name means much. "A good name is better than precious ointment," Eccl. 7:1. What we do and say makes our name.

Each is described as ETERNAL. There is no danger of one passing out of the picture. Just a few weeks ago our great nation was thrown into one of the greatest tragedies it has ever faced, when our President, the late Franklin D. Roosevelt, passed away. The world was stirred. It could have been disastrous had it not been for the great man who humbly stepped into his place, Vice-President Harry Truman.

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The Need of the Hour

OSCAR OLSEN

In Psalm 85:6 we read, "*Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?*"

This was the heart-cry of David in the time of spiritual declension in Israel, and we believe it is the heart-cry of the company of saints who live close to the heart of Jesus in this the last hour of this age. A revival is the manifestation of the supernatural, a revelation of the wondrous grace and power of the living God, a mighty moving of the Holy Ghost.

In looking at the conditions existing in this hour, a time of falling away, of compromising and worldliness, of lethargy, of unbelief and of lawlessness among God's people, I believe there are seven things the Lord desires to revive; namely, vision, consecration, first love, faith, intercessory prayer, power and holiness.

A REVIVAL OF VISION

God has declared that where there is no vision the people perish. Prov. 29:19. These things we have mentioned as existing in this hour shut out the vision of Jesus, thereby depreciating spiritual life and its possibilities. There was a time when every respectable American family attended church at least once a week, but today, according to Harry H. McArthur, ninety per cent of our people attend no church regularly, sixty per cent attend the movies, but only fifteen per cent attend Sunday School. Only eight per cent go to church Sunday morning, and two per cent Sunday night. Surely there has been a great falling away. Many of our people have lost the vision of a deeper spiritual life. O Lord, send us a revival of vision.

A REVIVAL OF CONSECRATION

In speaking of consecration we speak of devotion, separation, and dedication. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God," Rom. 12:1, 2.

The yielding or giving over of our

bodies as a living sacrifice, brings us into affiliation and identification with the cross. Consecration and sacrifice go hand in hand, involving suffering and death, bringing us into the experience "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

This sacrifice is to be holy, sanctified, set apart, acceptable unto God! This is the body that bears the marks of the Lord Jesus, standing out separate and distinct from the world and not conformed to this age or to its characteristics, but is changed so that the light and the love and grace of the Lord Christ flows out through it, giving testimony to the truth of a new creation filled with the Spirit of God, proving the will of God. "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification."

A REVIVAL OF FIRST LOVE

That there is a first love is clearly set forth in the Scriptures, and that it is divine love, the love that is in the heart of God and which is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit. The characteristics of that love are that it is tender, that it suffereth long and yet is kind, that it envieth not, that it vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, thinketh no evil, and loves the unlovable. Oh, this mighty love that gives us a passion for souls, that loves the brethren, that puts a longing in our heart, not only to be ready ourselves, but to see the church ready for the coming of our Lord. That we need a revival of this love is very evident, for the Lord Himself said, in speaking of the signs in the last days, "And because iniquity shall abound the love of many shall wax cold"; and in writing to the church at Ephesus, He said, "Nevertheless, I have somewhat against thee because thou hast left thy first love."

In this dark hour of division, strife, heartaches, and heartbreaks, let us cry to our Lord and repent and do the first works, so that He may give us a revival of first love.

A REVIVAL OF FAITH

"And Jesus answering said unto

them, Have faith in God" (or as it is in the margin of the Scofield Bible, Have the faith of God; i.e., the faith which God gives), Mark 11: 22. Faith is a spiritual gift (1 Cor. 12:9) and is "the substance of things hoped for; the evidence of things not seen" (Heb. 11:1). It is the gift of God (Eph. 2:8); cometh by hearing the Word of God (Rom. 10:17); is not what we see (2 Cor. 5:7); gives life (Gal. 2:20); was once delivered to the saints and is to be contended for (Jude 3).

Faith takes God at His word, lays hold of His promise, touches His heart, moves His hand, brings into action spiritual phenomena. Faith will bring the revival we long to see, an outpouring of the Holy Ghost. It will also bring the manifestation and operation of the gifts of the Spirit in the Church—truly a great need in this dark hour.

A REVIVAL OF POWER

The Lord in His resurrection ministry knew the things that were before His disciples and the need of divine equipment for the service they were to render, and said unto them, "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost has come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me," etc. Acts 1:8. This power was manifested by signs and wonders; and brought about suffering and martyrdom. This same power brought conviction, until multitudes cried out, "What shall we do to be saved?" It brought death to those who lied to the Holy Ghost and made them forceful witnesses to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. We are in one of the darkest hours the world has ever faced, with more problems, more iniquities and more attacks on the religion of Jesus than any other generation has ever encountered. Because of this condition we need to cry out to Almighty God and look for heaven-sent revivals surpassing anything we have ever heard of. If we go forward we shall weather the storm now breaking in the horizon. I believe that within the near future God will send a flame of supernatural fire and power which will sweep this great Church of God movement into the place where God would have it. O Lord, send us a revival of power. I am convinced that just ahead of us there is coming a greater outpouring of God's mighty fire than has ever been known in this old world. O Lord, send us a revival of

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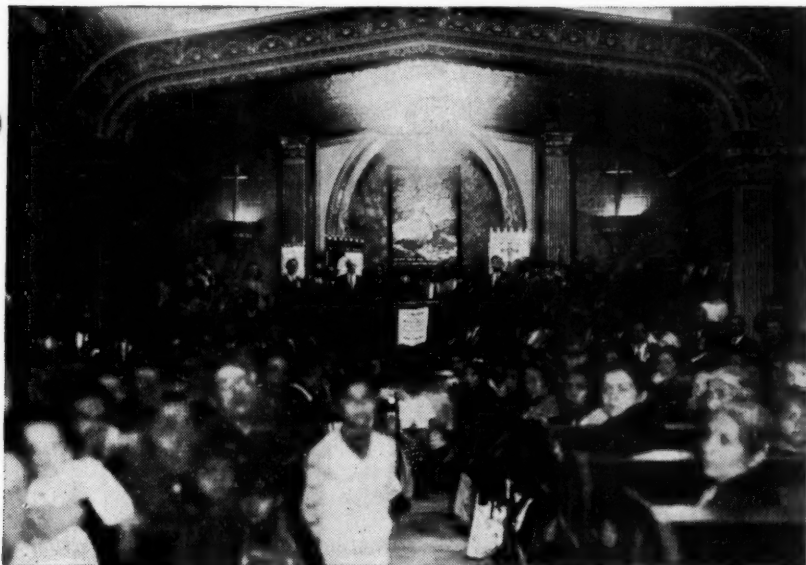


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The general convention for Mexico, which convened in the large temple on Calzada in Mexico City May 10-13, was an occasion long to be remembered by those who were present. The first night of the convention found a large crowd gathered to worship, sing, and shout the praises of God. During the convention many thousands of people attended, including many ministers from other Protestant churches. Some of these were paying us a courteous visit while others were there to investigate the reports they had heard and to learn more about the work of the Church of God which is rapidly spreading in the various states in the Mexican Republic.

Included among the visitors were three carloads from Texas and New Mexico, besides Brother J. L. Goins, Brother George Lemons, and Brother Carl J. Hughes, members of the Mission Board, who went down in our group. I think that every visitor from the United States, without a single exception, was profoundly impressed with the humility and sincerity of the Mexican people as they worship and praise God for His wonderful deliverance. I heard several remark that this was the most spiritual convention

they had ever seen in Mexico. Never have I observed such freedom in singing, shouting, and clapping hands as the people were blessed by the mighty outpourings of the Holy Spirit. Brother David G. Ruesga, overseer of Mexico, seemed to do everything within his power to make the visitors from the United States feel at home, while Brother Vessie D. Hargrave, who is second to none in importance in carrying out the work of the Church of God in Mexico, although he keeps himself in the background, did not fall the least bit behind in looking after the entertainment of the visitors, whether they were staying in his home or in a hotel. Brother Fernando Gonzalez, with his big smile and happy face, did not fail to declare the whole counsel of God in his preaching and yet made the people happy because of the presence and power of God that was with him.

The picture shows a small portion of the crowd that was gathered in the large temple. I shall not attempt to describe in detail as the other brethren will be writing about this great feast.—M. P. Cross, Mission Secretary.

Field Representative En Route to Australia

Following is a very short article which I received from J. H. Ingram, our field representative, when he was preparing to leave for Australia. He received notice from the Navy to be all packed up and ready to go in three days, and he may have left out another page of this article, but I was sure you would all be interested to hear from him, so I am printing what I have.—Mission Secretary.

News From British and Dutch Guiana

We received a warm welcome in British Guiana where we spent most of our time preaching to the Baptist people, a group that is seeking fellowship with the Church of God. The immigration and police officials were very kind to us and considerate in every way. We also feel very grateful to the Georgetown Boys' Brigade which played their instruments for us at the reception and also at the farewell service. There are eleven churches and missions in British and Dutch Guiana that have applied for the privilege of fellowship with the Church of God. I did not stay in Dutch Guiana very long as I was in a hurry to get back to leave for Australia and the Southwest Pacific.

By the time this article reaches the press we will probably be on the high seas en route to Australia. I have missed only two General Assemblies out of the last twenty-five, but it looks as though I shall have to miss this feast of good things this year. Please pray for us and God bless all of you. From Australia I expect to sail for Egypt where at least twelve churches are waiting to be received into fellowship with the Church of God.

My Impressions in El Salvador Bible School

I am happy to tell you, beloved brethren, that there has been a living desire in my heart for a Bible School in Salvador. This desire has been completely satisfied by the opening of a Bible School by our beloved

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Deaths

HARRELSON

Mrs. Laurre Harrelson, faithful member of the Church of God at Helena, Ga., was born February 16, 1877, and departed this life May 25, 1945. She was conducting the praise service at prayer meeting when she took sick. Pray for her husband and children.—Her pastor, Lula Mae Russ, Cochran, Ga.

ROSE

Brother John Kelley Rose, a faithful member of the Church of God at Clay City, Ky., went home to be with Jesus July 14, 1945; age fifty-six years, five months, and nine days.—His pastor, Orlin L. Rose, Clay City, Ky.

DIETER

Anna Dieter, a faithful member of the Church of God at Mt. Union (Allentown, Pa.) departed this life June 29, 1945.—Her pastor, G. R. Folk.

DOSS

In memory of Brother John Doss, of South Boston, Va., who fell asleep in Jesus June 28, 1945. He was so faithful and loyal and the oldest member of our church, but God saw that dear Brother Doss was tired and weary.—Rosella Daniel, 1308 Wilborn Ave., South Boston, Va.

MARION

On April 30, 1945, on Okinawa Island the death angel claimed for its victim our friend and brother in Jesus, Pfc. Edmond F. Marion; age twenty-two years. He was a faithful member of the Church of God at Columbus, Ga., for nine years.—His pastor, W. C. Swilley, Columbus, Ga.

HILL

Sister Carrie Hill (colored), a member of the Church of God in Cleveland, Ohio, for fifteen years, departed this life June 29, 1945; age thirty-seven years and eleven months.—Julia Lockett, clerk, 2530 E. 19th St., Cleveland 15, Ohio.

RANKIN

The death angel visited our home May 23, 1945, and took our dear husband and father, Arthur Rankin, to be with Jesus; age fifty-three years. He was a faithful member of the Church of God at Clarksville, Pa., for many years.

Pray for our children and me.—Mrs. Lottie Rankin and children, Clarksville, Pa.

ALDERMAN

James Leon Alderman was born March 14, 1882, and died June 7, 1945. He was a member of the Church of God at Orlando, Fla. Our loss is heaven's gain.—A. V. Howell, pastor, Orlando, Fla.

RUNNELS

Sister Alma Runnels, a faithful member of the Church of God at Greenville, Miss., went to be with Jesus July 19, 1945.—A. B. Everett, pastor, Greenville, Miss.

BIGGERS

Brother H. M. Biggers, the faithful editor of the Pentecostal News Digest, passed on to his reward June 25, 1945, after a few months of suffering. He will be greatly missed because of his love and interest in the work he took delight in doing for God.

The Digest will be discontinued for a period of time.—E. L. Moore, Zellwood, Fla.

TRAMMEL

Brother Will Trammel was born April 4, 1885, and departed this life July 3, 1945. Brother Trammel received salvation in 1937 and united with the Church of God in Harrisburg, Ill., where he remained till the Lord gave the command to come higher. We were in service at the church and the power was falling in a special way and the saints shouting and dancing. Brother Trammel was dancing under the power of the Spirit and he fell to the floor lifeless. I can say truly this was the happiest death I have ever witnessed.—C. W. Kerce, 415 W. Ogara, Harrisburg, Ill.

Revival

LAURENS, S. C.—We have just closed a wonderful two and one-half weeks' revival, with Rev. Thomas Grassano, of New York City, doing the preaching. Twenty-six were saved, fifteen sanctified, sixteen filled with the Holy Ghost, seventeen added to the church, and seven baptized in water. The revival closed with the Lord's Supper and feet washing. We praise the Lord for sending Brother Grassano our way. We also thank the Lord for our good pastor, Rev. J. W. Maness. Pray for us here.—Ruby Tolison.

EXCERPTS FROM LETTER OF SOLDIER BOY

Dear Evangel Friends and Readers,

I want you to help me pray for a dear soldier boy, my nephew, Pfc. Junior C. Brannon, who went overseas last December, just so young. He was a sinner but he had been to church with me and he believed in holiness. He was sent to Germany and has gone through awful battles. He would write and ask me to pray for him and would tell me how he would pray, how it seemed the Lord was so near him, and the feeling he would have that the Lord would bring him through the awful battles.

Then last week I got a letter from him and he said he was in the hospital with T. B. and that a shell burst too close to him and he was hard of hearing. He said he got T.B. from long sleepless nights, sitting in foxholes half full of water, and sleeping in the snow last winter. He said, "Please pray for me." Will you, dear saints who know the Lord and know the Lord will heal, pray for that precious boy? I do believe he is saved. He writes and tells me how he enjoyed going to the Church of God with me and he will be so glad when he can come home and go back to church. Please pray for his mother and daddy, and, dear Christian, if any of you wish to write to him encouraging letters or send him a testimony of the Lord healing, please do so.—Mrs. Pearl Brannon, 905 S. Columbia Ave., Sheffield, Ala.

This soldier's address may be obtained from the Church of God Publishing House, Cleveland, Tenn.)

Old-Fashioned Revival

READING, Pa.—We had a great meeting, Rev. James Sheltrown, of Gladwin, Mich., as the evangelist. Nine were saved, fourteen sanctified, fourteen filled with the Holy Ghost, and two added to the church. Brother Sheltrown is a fine evangelist and great altar worker.—Milton J. Sanberg, pastor, 1337 Mulberry St.

Wonderful Meeting

GREENEVILLE, Tenn.—Rev. L. N. Atkinson, of Montcalm, W. Va., was the evangelist in our three weeks' revival. The Lord wonderfully blessed. Two souls were saved and the saints blessed. Although Brother Atkinson is blind he is a wonderful man of God.—Mrs. W. R. Fillers, pastor's wife, Box 383.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

PRAY FOR:

Sister Manda Roberts to regain her eyesight.—Leon Sheffield, 605 E. Broadway, Lenoir City, Tenn.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. W. C. Swilley, 1058 Neil Drive, Columbus, Ga.

My brother who is so possessed with the drink demon until he has lost his memory.—Nanie B. Nash, Gen. Del., Rochester, Minn.

My husband who is in bad health; my children.—Mrs. Lena Mae Edwards, Box 149, Lawrenceville, Ga.

The healing of my body of T. B. and sugar diabetes, I have been paralyzed for three years. Encouragement appreciated.—Hazel Blake, 2515 Collis Ave., Huntington, W. Va.

My husband to be saved and healed of heart trouble; my brother in the Western Pacific; me to be healed of T. B. and other trouble. I would like to hear from those who have been healed of T. B.—Helen D. Burnette, 2502½ 12th Ave., Huntington, W. Va.

My father who is in ill health.—Bertie Lee Bonner, Rt. 3, Box 136, Oak Grove, La.

My husband to be healed.—Mrs. Levi Smith, 2609 Edmondson Ave., Baltimore 23, Md.

God to protect my husband who has been missing in action in Belgium since December, 1944, and send him safely home, I have two little children and need him.—Mrs. Hazel Lawson, Rt. 1, Box 144, Baker, Fla.

My friend to be completely healed, she is deaf.—Miss Jean White, Norfolk, Va.

Me to be healed of a severe cough; my neighbor's arm and shoulder to be healed.—Charlie Hall, Rt. 1, Scottsboro, Ala.—George W. Dalton, Scottsboro, Ala.

The healing of Mr. Orr Willis' little boy who is in a serious condition and cannot live long unless the Lord undertakes; the healing of Mr. Major Phillips who is blind.—Myrtle Whitehead, Hartwell, Ga.

The healing of my daughter whose husband was killed in action in Europe. She has lost her mind and has a baby two and one-half months old. When she is at her right mind she begs for prayer. My son in Service.—Mrs. Jim Woodlee, Rt. 2, Bogata, Tex.

The Big Three

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Shall we consider the CHARACTER which is so very vital? They are *true* and *holy*. Rev. 4:8; John 7:28. What greater could be said of one's character?

Another thing, when you are considering one's life, that he may be the leader or head of a great concern, is, What has he done? Is he capable? When we consider the great work of the Big Three, we ought to trust anything with them. They created the universe, made the sun, moon, and stars, all the planets, formed the seas, dry land, and made mankind. But they didn't stop at that, they are still at work. They rolled back the Red Sea, sent fire from heaven, send the rain, control the seasons, save men from sin, sanctify, fill with the Holy Ghost, heal, besides the thousands of miracles that come from this war, and numberless other works. So shall our faith be increased, our lives more consecrated and pliable in His hands, and show that we are interested in the

lost of humanity. With such great leadership, it now depends on us. May we do our part and be ready for anything we may face.

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The Rapture of the Church
Second Coming of the Lord
The Battle of Armageddon
The White Throne Judgment
The Golden Age

Are you ready?

Doctor Astonished at My Healing

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broken. I was turned over to a very good surgeon, the best in the hospital. He told my wife he could not do anything for me until I was over the shock and that would take from four to seven days. I vomited for two or three days. It seemed I vomited up all the blood I had in my body. I didn't have any blood pressure and they could not find any pulse for thirty-seven hours.

About nine o'clock on the night of July 14, 1944, the doctor told my family

to stay with me because I wouldn't be there long; I was slipping and slipping fast. But by this time all the Church of God people knew about my condition and they were fasting and praying for me. I was cold up above my knees and elbows. I was conscious all the time but I was so weak I cannot remember who came in to see me and who stayed with me. The doctor who carried me to the hospital came back to see me the night of July 14. He told me after I came home that he was sure I would be dead before midnight. He was so sure that he looked in the morning paper to see when I would be buried. He didn't see a notice so he kept watching the paper to find out when I died, but praise God, instead of dying I began to get better. In fact, I got along so well they let me come home in two weeks in an ambulance, but they said I must stay in bed on my back for three months, then I must come back to the hospital (in an ambulance) and they would X-ray and operate on my shoulder and wire the bones together.

Praise God, in about five weeks I was able to sit up and at the end of two months I was able to walk. At the end of three months, instead of going back to the hospital, I was working. I have gained back to my normal weight.

Doctors are all amazed to see me up and working every day. The specialist said, "Surely it was one of God's miracles. It was some higher power than I am able to explain which has brought you back to good health."

Everyone has really watched me and they know God has healed me.

Please pray that I might receive the Holy Ghost and do what God would have me do. Surely God spared my life for some cause.

For any information concerning this healing you may write the following: My pastor, Rev. G. F. Poole, Matthews, Ga.; Rev. I. L. Benge, Greenwood, S. C.; the Augusta pastor, Rev. D. T. Toler, Augusta, Ga.—O. B. Poole.

God Wonderfully Undertook

PHILADELPHIA, Miss.—God wonderfully undertook for us here and sent some Church of God preachers here for a revival. It was really a great blessing to us. Brother Muse, of Union, Miss., began the revival, then Brother Anderson, of Wagner, Ala., continued it and two were saved. Pray for us here in Mississippi.—Marie May.

Reports from the Field

Having Good Services

RIPLEY, Tenn.—We praise the Lord for the way He has blessed at Beasleys Chapel for the past year or so. First, I praise God for the Church of God and its teachings and for a full and free salvation. We are really having some good services here. We have a real good pastor, Brother S. W. Kennington. He and his good companion have surely been a blessing to the church; the saints have been built up spiritually and there have been a good many improvements on the church. The church has been painted inside and outside; has new pews and a new platform. Eight members have been added to the church.

We had a good revival in May, with Brother Charlie Frazier, of Pine Grove, Tenn., as evangelist. Seventeen were saved, seven sanctified and the church blessed. Sinners were stirred and the house was well filled. The Lord anointed Brother Frazier every night with a wonderful message.

We plan to build a parsonage soon, also think we will get electric lights soon.

We desire your prayers that we will stay in the will of the Lord.—L. F. Jernigan, clerk.

Getting Enthusiastic

ACOSTA, Pa.—The church here at Acosta has taken on new life recently, since our pastor, Rev. J. C. Jones, came here. The attendance has greatly increased and the saints are beginning to pray and hold on to God and He is beginning to bless greatly in all the services. People are getting enthusiastic about the services and are beginning to work for the Lord. They are getting hungry for greater things from the Lord.

On Sunday, May 27, we had a district singing convention of the Somerset, Pa., district. We had a wonderful turn-out of the visiting churches and a large turn-out locally. God surely blessed in the singing and the people rejoiced in the Lord.

Our pastor, Brother Jones, has been doing some wonderful preaching and God is blessing his efforts in building this church up spiritually, and the

people are beginning to cooperate wholeheartedly to put the program of the church over the top. We are looking for a mighty revival to break out in this community, that souls will come and seek the Lord before it is too late. There is a lot of work to be done around here and we need to be up and about the Master's business and work while it is yet day, for the night cometh when no man can work.

Pray for the work here.—John E. Tressler, Box 152.

Services Are Outstanding

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—I praise God for the way He is blessing at Indianapolis, Ind. God has given us a number of souls since coming to this great city and I feel we have one of the most spiritual churches in the movement. Our membership has made a steady climb for the last ten months and we have had no church trouble for the two years I have been here. We have come from nothing to third in tithes in less than two years. I believe the church here leads or is among the leaders in missions in the State.

We have one of the largest Y.P.E.'s in the State and at present our young people are selling forty rolls of Lighted Pathways a month and are among the leaders in Evangel subscriptions. We have a nice Sunday School and L.W.W.B., which are in working order. The church has averaged raising \$100 a month on the building fund for about eight months.

Last but not least, souls are being saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost, baptized, and added to the church, praise the Lord.

I could not afford to leave out healing, for God has truly performed some wonderful works in our midst. One man was healed of sinus trouble; one sister who was in a very bad condition was touched and began to eat anything she wanted; one lady was healed of cancer; one man was healed of a nervous breakdown and saved, and there were many minor healings. Praise God. He is so wonderful to us. Most of our services are outstanding, therefore we never want for crowds.

Pray for us, that God will make us

a one hundred per cent church. Pray for your humble brother and servant of Jesus Christ.—C. E. Swenson, pastor, 1065 Oliver Ave., Indianapolis 3, Ind.

Now We Have a Nice House

WAYNE, W. Va.—Dear Saints, I thank the Lord for the thing He is doing at East Lynn, W. Va. We have a new church house. My daughter and I began to pray to the Lord for money to build this house. The enemy tried to make us ashamed to pray. We began to lay away a dollar or two in a little treasury and when the saints and other friends heard of it and saw our determination to build the house they began to help us and now we have a nice house with electricity and gas in it.

I have been afflicted with something like rheumatism for over a year and I trust the Lord for my healing. I also request prayer for my two sons in the Service.—Ellen Adkins, Rt. 2, Box 137.

Moving Forward in Every Department

SELMA, Ala.—We praise God for His love and for the Church of God at Selma, Ala. We came to Selma in October, 1944, in the name of the Lord, and declared war on the devil. The church is moving forward in every department. The Sunday School and Y.P.E. have more than tripled in attendance and offerings.

We have just closed a revival with Brother Elbert Orange as the evangelist. Several were saved, three sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, and the church was helped by his preaching.

We also have a six-room parsonage started which will cost, when completed, around \$1,500. We hope to be able to move into it in a couple of months. I am the only carpenter at work on it and it will take time, but I am sure it will not be hard to get a pastor here another year. Every pastor who ever lived here had to live in an old dilapidated house or move out of town or pay high rent, but Selma is coming to the front now. We have also sent in \$50 for the orphanage.

Our pastoral year will soon be gone and I guess we will be moving on somewhere else to bombard the devil and build another church or parsonage for God. Selma has a great future; you can look for us for we will

be there when the saints go marching in.

Pray for us that God will give us a harvest of souls. That is my earnest desire, that souls will find the Lord.—Pastor, Clyde M. Helms, 1938 Griffin Ave.

— — — Poor Yet Rich

To the great Church of God with headquarters at Cleveland, Tennessee, Greetings to you in the precious and holy name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

I am glad to know that I am saved from my sins. Praise the holy name of Jesus for His blood that was shed abroad for all—whosoever will. My dear brothers and sisters, I am glad to be in your land. I came here by the contract from Jamaica. I came June 6 and I was in the hospital for some days but I am out so I am asking those from the closest church to visit me at this camp. I am longing to go to church since I came here. Though I am poor in one way yet I know that I am rich in another. Dear brothers and sisters, I ask you to pray for me that I can be stronger in the faith and have more wisdom, knowledge, and understanding, and be able to sing the praises of our God and have more power in my soul. I am not in good health so I ask for prayer for the healing of my body.

You may wonder who I am. I am a member of the great Church of God in Jamaica, with membership at Flat New Church.

God bless you and pray for me always. Please ask in the camp for number J-41574; that is my number. Try to help me with prayer for I need it very much. God bless you till He comes.—Brother Vivian Murry, Labor Camp, Powell, Wyo.

— — — Midway, Ark., Church of God Reports

OSCEOLA, Ark.—As time draws near in God's harvest to make a change, I would like to give a general report of the work at Midway Church of God and how God led us into it.

When we first came here we were made to realize how holiness people feel, far away from a dear old Church of God. Fully intending to move back near our home church at Wheeler, Miss., with everything already fully packed, the Lord burdened us so and led in the opposite direction. He said, "If I be lifted up I

will draw all men unto me," also kept telling me of Lot's wife, how she looked back, and a prophet is not accepted in his own country. Also, "Why callest thou me Lord, Lord, and doest not the things that I say." So we moved into an empty store building and started Sunday School with twenty-four. God really blessed our souls that day and has blessed so many times we have gathered together that we have been made to realize obedience is better than sacrifice. Since that time we have been blessed with one hundred twelve or one hundred twenty in Sunday School. Our Sunday School led in the state one month, also our Y.P.E. The Y.P.E. has some real workers; they have bought a piano for the church. Also, our L.W.W.B. is doing a good work. They helped make it possible to do the painting of our church. We now have about one and one-half acres of ground, which is paid for. The building is covered with brick siding but we find it too small for our crowds and hope to turn this into a pastor's home and build a new church. We started with eleven members when the church was set in order; now we have twenty.

Since we came to Arkansas four backslidden preachers prayed through again. One, Brother Elbert Saloan, is pastoring at Halltown; Sister White has started a new work at Squirrel Park; Brother Morris began pastoring at Black Water schoolhouse; Brother Tims also got back to the Lord and started preaching. Several of our converts are holding out faithfully who received the Holy Ghost in the revival. Twenty-three were saved in the revival which Brother Morris held here. Many found the Lord dear to their souls.

We thank each one who cooperated with us in helping make the work possible. We already have somewhere around 200 on a new building. We pray God's blessings on this place. May it shine as a city set on a hill which cannot be hid and stand and grow for God.—Sister L. I. Ricketts.

— — — At Home in San Pablo Church of God

SAN PABLO, Calif.—I am glad to report that I am still going on for the Lord. I can't see anything in the world to turn back to. When I left Marked Tree, Ark., last January I was wondering what kind of church I

would find when I got to California. I arrived in this place in the morning of January 10. I looked around and saw just across the street from my brother's place a nice church house. Over the door it read, "The Church of God, H. A. Scott, pastor." That spelled one thing to me—welcome.

After meeting Brother Scott and the church people I was made to feel the good welcome spirit. I began to feel like being at home. Sometimes if my good pastor, W. E. Wright, of the Church of God at Marked Tree, Ark., could be here in some of the services he would be made to wonder how he is having his services with so many of the church folk from home out here.

Well, brothers and sisters, last Tuesday night I went over to the Golden Gate City—San Francisco—and there I found the great Church of God in a fine building. They have a good pastor; he is doing things for the Lord and His Church. There I met the General Overseer, Brother John C. Jernigan. He brought us a wonderful message which we enjoyed very much.

Please pray for me and my prayer is for all. Also pray for my brother, John D. Adkin S 1/c, somewhere in the western Pacific. He is a good boy and a member of the Church of God at Marked Tree, Ark. Love to all the people of the Lord.—James Adkin, 1633 Dover Ave.

— — — He Is Our Burden Bearer

HAZLEHURST, Ga.—Dear Evangel Readers, the Lord has done so much for me. I have been sick eight months; six months I could not walk. Oh, I suffered agony. I was prayed for many times and the Lord would bless wonderfully but I was not healed. One time at Hazlehurst I was prayed for and I walked all around in the church, but after that I was left helpless again; the trouble was in my back and legs.

One day some saints came to the house and said they had come to pray for me if I wanted them to. I had never seen them before. One was the pastor at Lyons, Ga. They prayed for me and the Lord wonderfully touched my body and made me able to walk. I believe they were real children of God. I give the Lord all the praise for it.

I am sick again and ask all to pray for me to be healed, D. V. I want His will to be done. We have lots of trouble.
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The Spirit of the Age

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walk." So it goes with those who have a form of worship but no real power with God. This Pentecostal power can be used effectively or abused to the extent that it will not be so effective. The choice is to the individual. He can try to possess this power or he can let it possess him. Let us not "deny the power thereof." The exhortation is to turn away from those people who have "a form of godliness but deny the power thereof." The inclination of most of us is to want to be like other folks but usually it brings leanness to our souls. "Some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron," 1 Tim. 4:1, 2. How easily some people are shaken from what the Bible teaches. Just let one of Satan's false prophets come along and say, "This is the way, walk ye in it," and he will get a great number of followers.

The reader will remember that in a former article these words appeared, "The time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine." As we stated then, when such is the case it becomes easy to depart from the faith and be given over to doctrines of devils. The way to sear the conscience with a hot iron is not to give heed to the teachings of God's Word until no matter how hard the preacher tries to get you to see what is best for you, you disregard all his counsel, when it is based upon the Word of God. There are many things that belong to the spirit of the age but now we come to the final thought which is the desire to be like other folks. You remember how Israel was eventually led into bondage by such a desire. They wanted a king regardless of having the King of kings. They wanted to be like all the nations around about them. Worshiping God aright was an uphill climb for them, so they must try the downhill way. I wonder if you have ever heard of anyone like that today.

Let me picture them to you a little more. They dress like other folks instead of like "the holy women of old." They go to the beauty parlor oftener than they "go into thy closet alone to pray." They read the newspaper and funnies more than they do the Bible. They go to the movies on prayer meeting night. They listen to "the grand old opera" until late on Saturday night and then miss Sunday

School Sunday morning. In Isa. 3:24 we have these words, "And it shall come to pass, that instead of sweet smell there shall be stink; and instead of a girdle a rent; and instead of well set hair baldness; and instead of a stomacher a girding of sackcloth; and burning instead of beauty." So you see the beauty parlor will prove fatal eventually. We could also apply this passage to any walk of life that is "trying to climb up some other way" and not going God's way. May God help us not to be given over to the spirit of the age. Amen.

The Need of the Hour

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power.

A REVIVAL OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER

My heart was deeply stirred when recently reading in the book of Joel. There in this wonderful prophecy is a picture of chastisement, repentance, and blessing. Judgment has come and the Lord through His prophet is calling the people together to pray. I could not help but notice that the call is first to the priests, the ministers of the altar to lament, the ministers of the altar to gird themselves to lament, to howl, to lie all night in sackcloth; the ministers of the Lord to weep, between the porch and the altar, and pray, "Spare thy people, O Lord." The call to humiliation, to intercession, begins with the ministry. God is seeking a praying leadership, a ministry that will be prayer examples to the people and in turn lead the people to prayer. The preachers of the early Church gave themselves continually to prayer and the ministry of the Word. There has been too little praying. If ever the people needed to pray, the hour is now. Real Holy Ghost praying is needed. Let us unite in intercession for a mighty work of God in our hearts, in individuals, in our nation, and throughout the world.

A REVIVAL OF HOLINESS

"Follow peace with all men, and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord," Heb. 12:14. Holiness is one of the attributes of God, and not only does God desire His people to be holy, but commands us to be holy, for He has said, "Be ye holy as I am holy." "Let us therefore cleanse ourselves from all the filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." Knowing God's standard of holiness and in view of

the need of the hour, shall we not pray, "Wilt Thou not revive us again that thy people may rejoice in Thee?"

He Is Our Burden Bearer

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ble in these days to go through but He is our burden-bearer. Praise His name. Also pray for my two sons in Service—one in Germany, the other on Luzon.

I praise God for our good pastor and wife; they are so faithful in visiting the sick. I believe Brother and Sister Harper are real Christians. also pray for my unsaved loved ones.—Lily White, Box 356.

Mission Page

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Brother Syverson. I have not only seen my wish fulfilled, but I have had the privilege of teaching in the school.

School began on February 18, 1945. Several brethren cooperated by teaching and the spirit of service was evident in the teachers as well as the pupils. The work of our missionaries, the Syversons, was indeed worthy of praise. We feel the presence of the Lord in all our classes and the students never show any signs of growing tired. All to the contrary, each hour in class awakens a more ardent desire to study. The number of students has increased to twenty-nine since last year and we believe that the Lord is going to use us together for His glory.

The closing exercises were very significant. We all drew closer to the Lord, realizing that truly the harvest is great and the workers are few, and, renewing our strength, we purposed to discharge our duty. With tears in our eyes we offered our services to the Lord and separated. Ask the Lord of the harvest to raise up more workers who will fear nothing, only sin.—Yours in the Lord's vineyard, Miguel Flores R., El Salvador.

Marking Time

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sun's rays cast on its many vanes, one is able to tell what time it is all over the world. It also indicates darkness or daylight.

God has so wonderfully constructed the world that every part of it shares the essential benefits of all of heaven and earth's resources and benefactors. It is the same about the provisions of the kingdom of heaven—it is univer-

sal. Paul said: "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly," Rom. 5:6. God turned back the sundial for all of us. 2 Kings 20:11, "And Isaiah the prophet cried unto the Lord: and he brought the shadow ten degrees backward, by which it had gone down in the dial of Ahaz."

AN ELECTRIC-EYED TELEPHONE CLOCK

Monsieur Esclangon set to work to produce a clock or machine which would talk as clearly as could be wished, and would answer a question any time of the day or night. People in Paris learned that on a certain day they could find out the time from a talking clock by telephoning "Odeon 8400." The talking clock of Paris has told the time in answer to more than 12,000,000 telephone calls during the past seven years. The machine uses sound film strips, one for hours, one for minutes, and one for seconds, and, of course, there were also "electric eyes" which did their work when the telephone number was called. As many as thirty persons could get answers at the same moment.

The blessed Bible, our talking clock, says: "REMEMBER now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them; While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain: In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened. And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of musick shall be brought low; Also when they shall be afraid of that which is high, and fears shall be in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail: because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets: Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern. Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it," Eccl. 12:1-7.

And, my dear friends, this is the

most timely message on time we have ever heard. Won't you respond to it by complying with this last brief message? 2 Cor. 6:1, 2, "We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain."

SUNDIAL AND SHADOW TIME

Psa. 90:12, "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

A sundial is painted on the boardwalk at Seaside, Ore., which tells the time when a person stands on it! The person's own shadow points out the time.

While a barefooted boy on my father's five-hundred-acre farm, carrying on my job as water boy and berry picker, many were the times that I would stop every few minutes and try to step on my shadow's head, for that meant dinner.

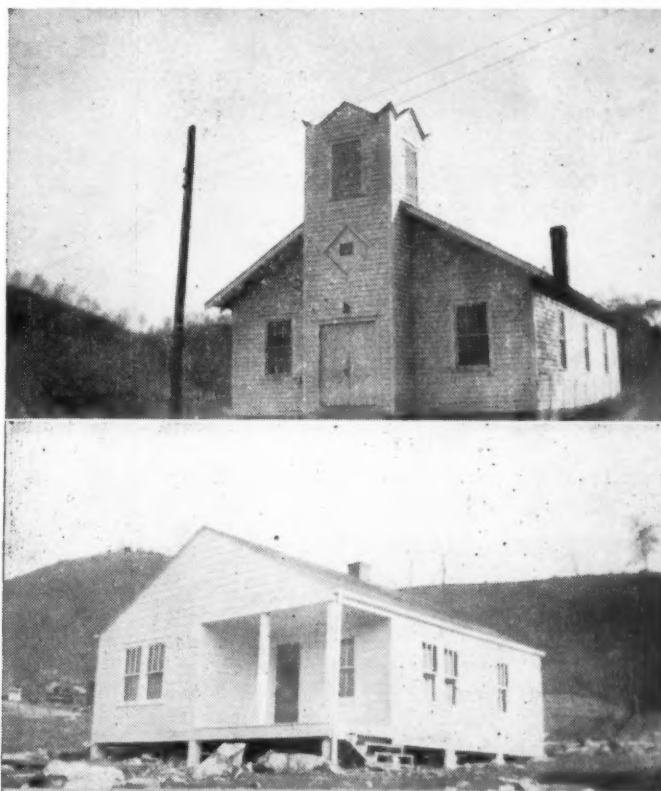
Now that I have come on up the pil-

grim's road several years and realize as never before that my time is swiftly carrying me on toward the celestial city, I am quite naturally a lot more interested in making my time count.

It's a mighty good thing to check your strides with time and if the comparison does not register proper progress, you had better give yourself the once over and get yourself to keeping proper step with "Father Time." "Time and tide wait for no man" is a warning maxim to all of us.

Where is your shadow falling on the sundial in your path? The Lord Jesus help us to ever pray, "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom," Psa. 90:12, for it will only be through God's help that we will be able to "redeem the time" that we have lost and properly use the time that we, through God's good providence, may have yet to spend for Him and His Church.

Church and Parsonage at Glamorgan, Virginia



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